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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to private investigative and security services; amending s. 493.6115, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for certain licensees to carry firearms; amending s. 493.6305, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 493.6115, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

493.6115 Weapons and firearms.-

- (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), only Class "C," Class "CC," Class "D," Class "M," Class "MA," or Class "MB" licensees are permitted to bear a firearm, and any such licensee who bears a firearm shall also have a Class "G" license.
- (b) 1. A Class "C" licensee who does not have a Class "G" license may bear a firearm if the licensee has a license to carry concealed firearms issued pursuant to s. 790.06.
- 2. A Class "C," Class "CC," Class "D," Class "M," Class "MA," or Class "MB" licensee who does not have a Class "G" license but who is a retired law enforcement officer; who separated from service in good standing; who, before such separation, served as a law enforcement officer for at least 10 years; and who maintains her or his annual firearms proficiency qualification pursuant to the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, may bear a firearm in the performance of her or his duties.

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3. A Class "C," Class "CC," Class "D," Class "M," Class "MA," or Class "MB" licensee who does not have a Class "G" license but who is an active law enforcement officer and who maintains the annual firearms proficiency qualification required by her or his agency, may bear a firearm in the performance of her or his duties.

- (4) (a) 1. A Class "C" or Class "CC" licensee who is 21 years of age or older and has also been issued a Class "G" license, who has a license to carry concealed firearms, or who meets the requirements of subparagraph (2) (b) 2. may carry, in the performance of her or his duties, a concealed firearm.
- 2. A Class "D" licensee who is 21 years of age or older and has also been issued a Class "G" license or who meets the requirements of subparagraph (2) (b) 2. may carry a concealed firearm in the performance of her or his duties under the conditions specified in s. 493.6305(3) and (4).
- (b) The Class "G" license must clearly indicate such authority. The authority of any such licensee to carry a concealed firearm is valid in any location throughout the state while performing services within the scope of the license.

Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 493.6305, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

493.6305 Uniforms, required wear; exceptions.-

- (3) Class "D" licensees who are <u>authorized to carry a</u> concealed firearm under s. 493.6115(4)(a)2. also Class "G" licensees and who are performing limited, special assignment duties may carry their authorized firearm concealed in the conduct of such duties.
  - (4) Class "D" licensees who are authorized to carry a

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concealed firearm under s. 493.6115(4)(a)2. also Class "G"

licensees and who are performing bodyguard or executive protection services may carry their authorized firearm concealed while in nonuniform as needed in the conduct of such services.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.